

## SCHOOL NEWS

Thank you to families and staff for completing our KS2 Parent Teacher meetings this week. Written school reports will be provided towards the end of the Summer Term.

The School Nurse has visited Year 6 to talk about the benefits of healthy eating and a good night's sleep. Children enjoyed finding out about different food groups and gained some useful tips.

Some of our children participated in the Easter Valley Mass at All Saints High School yesterday. They had the honour of taking up the gifts as part of the Mass. Thank you to the children for representing St Mary's so beautifully.

Congratulations to our Growth Mindset certificate winners for this week. Our focus has been **INDEPENDENCE**. Well done to:-

Nursery – Edie Ticehurst  
Reception – Benjamin Jones  
Y1 – Charlotte Jones  
Y2 – Anna-May Shackleton  
Y3 – Riley Pearson  
Y4 – Annabelle Gjeta  
Y5 – Harvey Cunliffe  
Y6K – Lily-May Shepherd  
Y6J – Maisie Lewis

## LITTERPICKING

Here is a photograph of our wonderful Year 4 undertaking their litter picking activity last week. The children really enjoyed helping in the community and Bacup Pride commented on the lovely behaviour of St Mary's pupils.



## **LIVING WITH COVID**

The Government has again updated its guidance regarding living with COVID. As the population now has much stronger protection against COVID, the advice is that we can begin to manage the virus like other respiratory infections. Therefore, children who are unwell and have a high temperature should stay at home and avoid contact with other people. They can come back to school when they no longer have a high temperature and they are well enough to attend. Adults with a positive COVID test result should try to stay at home and avoid contact with other people for 5 days, which is when they are most infectious. For children and young people aged 18 and under, the advice will be 3 days.

## **PARENT QUESTIONNAIRES**

Thank you to parents who have already returned the parent questionnaires to school. We would be very grateful for as many parents as possible to complete and return a questionnaire by Friday 8<sup>th</sup> April 2022. You only need to complete one form per family. Your views are important to us as we plan future school improvements.

## **EASTER ACTIVITIES**

Year 3 and 4 will be staging a short Easter performance during Holy Week for the rest of the school to enjoy. The performance will be videoed and placed on the school website during the holidays.

As part of our Easter preparations, all classes will be creating artwork to commemorate the different Stations of the Cross and will be reflecting on Jesus' journey to his crucifixion.

Children will also be contributing to Easter cards and gardens as well as participating in our Easter Egg Raffle. All children will be given a ticket by school to win an Easter Egg donated by staff. Additional tickets can be purchased from the GIFT team or the school office at 20p per ticket (£1 a strip). The raffle will be drawn on Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> April.

The Design an Egg competition winners will be announced in next week's Assembly (Friday 8<sup>th</sup> April) and all the designs will be used in our own School Easter Egg hunt.

## **ONLINE SAFETY – Here is this week's Top Tip**

### **Downloading new games**

If your child asks to download a new game, parents should check the PEGI rating and reviews beforehand! Some common games have a 13 years and above rating due to inappropriate content.

## **SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHY**

It is School Photography Day on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> April 2022. The first session will start at 8.00 am with families who have pre-school or nursery age children with brothers and sisters in school and would like to have a family photograph taken. We will then move on to family photographs for school age children, finishing with individual photographs. If you have chosen to have a family photograph, the school age children may still have an individual photograph as well if you give your permission. We will also be taking a Group photograph of Reception children and a Group photograph of Year 6 children.

## WEEKLY AWARDS - STAR OF THE WEEK

Nursery – Shaye Duffy

Reception – Pixie Hayhurst

Year 1 – James Kiely

Year 2 – Blake Tompkins

Year 3 – Emmanuel Alves-Okafor

Year 4 – Josh Boosters-Bridge

Year 5 – Aiden Parkinson

Year 6J – Ellie-Mai O'Connor

Year 6K – Serena Raby

## ATTENDANCE

Here are our attendance figures for this week. The winning class will receive £10 for class treats.

Reception – 87.9%

Year 1 – 86.7%

**Year 2 – 95.5% (Winner)**

Year 3 – 86.5%

Year 4 – 91.4%

Year 5 – 90.5%

Year 6J (Mrs Jackson) – 94.6%

Year 6K (Mrs Knowles) – 94.0%

**Weekly Overall School Attendance is 90.5%**

## BIBLE QUOTE OF THE WEEK – THEME OF FORGIVENESS

